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Mr Wm J Beeuster

Dear Sir —

I find the account of those curious Grass Balls spoken of in Thoreau's Walden, chapter on Ponds, Hill's Pond p. 211 in my Edition. I thought he had said more about them, given his speculations to account for them, more fully than he has done. I had probably heard these more in talk from his own mouth. You will see that he mentions them only in speaking of Hill's pond as I found only

There — or I should infer that from the way he speaks. A very curious fact is it not? I wonder if this is a discovery of his? Flint's Pond has a large expanse & being rather shallow — the rolling of the water over the sandy bottom may have produced the phenomenon. Still does it not seem as if there must have been some animal action in the case?

Yrs truly
G. P. Bradford

Sampson

[This note was written only four days before Mr. Bradford died.]